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NEWMARKET URBAN DISTRICT

in the

Administrative County of West Suffolk

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the

Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

for 1972



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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District
of Newmarket, in the Administrative County of West Suffolk,
for the year ended 31st December, 1972.

Public Health Department,

Severals House,

Newmarket.

13th August, 1973.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Newmarket Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959,
I have the honour to present for your information the Annual Report of
the Medical Officer of Health for 1972.

The report in general shows a good standard of health and in particular
it is noteworthy that there were no stillbirths or infant deaths.

The estimated population of the district increased by 130 people,
the natural increase, that is excess of births over deaths, being 54.
Deaths remained below the national rate but included 7 deaths from lung
cancer and 36 from coronary heart disease. Cigarette smoking is a very
significant factor in lung cancer and implicated in coronary heart disease
and many of these deaths could have been prevented had the subjects not
ignored the clear evidence of the dangers of cigarette smoking which is
now available.

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease was very low,
primarily due to a marked drop in notifications of measles. It would be
tempting but misleading to ascribe this fall to immunisation. It is more
likely that we are seeing a return to the biennial periodicity of this
disease which was a marked feature before the natural pattern was disturbed
by immunisation. Measles is still a disease with an appreciable incidence
of serious complications and it is to be hoped that more parents will take
advantage of the protection that is available to their children by immunisation.

The environmental work of the Public Health Department is dealt with
in the report of Mr. G. Penistone, the Chief Public Health Inspector, which
follows. I am greatly indebted to Mr. Penistone for maintaining the work of
the department during this difficult transitional period and in particular for
his help in compiling this report.

D.G.H. Patey

County Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

D.G.H. Patey, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., M.F.C.M., D.P.H.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

G. Penistone, F.A.P.H.I., Cert.S.I.B.,
Cert. Inspector of Meat and Other Foods,
Cert. Smoke Inspector, Royal Society of
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

D. Parr

CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Mrs. C.A. Blyth

RODENT OPERATOR

H.D. Gallant

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

<u>GENERAL STATISTICS</u>	Area	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,640 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	(1969)	(1970)	(1971)	(1972)					
	12,190	12,220	13,040	13,170					
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	4,677	4,763	4,923	5,108					
Rateable Value	£481,294	£498,103	£508,310	£540,120					
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,945	£2,010	£4,824	£4,948					

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>									<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105	89	194
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	8	14
									<u>111</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>208</u>

Live birth rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.8
Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.95)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.0
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.8
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>									<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
									<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
" " " " " " " " (Eng. & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS</u>									<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105	89	194
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	8	14
									<u>111</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>208</u>

<u>DEATHS</u>										<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
										84	70	154
Death rate per 1,000 population										..	..	11.7
Corrected death rate (Comp. factor 0.96)										..	..	11.2
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)										..	..	12.1

<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u> - Deaths of infants under one year of age									<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
									<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>									
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
" " " " " " " " (England & Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Illegitimate " " " " illegit. " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>									
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>									
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	..	..				-

<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>				
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total				
live and stillbirths	..	..		-

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Birth Rate (Corrected)	15.0	16.2	15.0	16.0	16.8	14.4	15.4
Death Rate (Corrected)	11.2	12.4	11.5	12.6	12.8	12.4	10.2
Infant Mortality Rate	-	18	21	24.6	9.4	5.6	16.0
Number of infant deaths	-	4	4	5	2	1	3

The following table gives the causes and number of deaths which occurred during 1972 :-

		<u>Registrar General's Figures</u>	
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
		<u>1972</u>	<u>1972</u>
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.		2	-
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus		1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach		2	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine		4	2
Malignant neoplasm, larynx		1	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus		6	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast		-	3
Malignant neoplasm, prostate		2	-
Leukaemia		2	1
Other malignant neoplasms		4	4
Diabetes Mellitus		1	-
Multiple Sclerosis		1	-
Chronic Rheumatic heart disease		-	1
Hypertensive disease		1	-
Ischaemic heart disease		20	16
Other forms of heart disease		3	3
Cerebrovascular disease		7	12
Other diseases of circulatory system		6	2
Pneumonia		4	18
Bronchitis and Emphysema		6	2
Other diseases of respiratory system		1	-
Cirrhosis of liver		1	-
Other diseases of digestive system		1	2
Congenital anomalies		1	-
Motor vehicle accidents		2	1
All other accidents		4	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries		1	-
		<u>84</u>	<u>70</u>
1971		94	75

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

- (a) LABORATORY SERVICES. The Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem,
- (b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These services are provided by the County Council under the direction of Dr. D.G.H. Patey, The County Medical Officer of Health.
- (c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.
- (d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. County Council Infant Welfare Clinics were held at the Health Clinic, Newmarket, each Tuesday, and at the Scout Hall, Exning, on one Thursday each month. Outpatients Clinics are held at the Newmarket General Hospital as follows :-

Anti-Coagulant	Dr. J.H. Dean	Mon. & Fri.	2.15 p.m.
Appliances	Mr. Ockendon	Mon. (alternate weeks)	10.30 a.m.
Cardiology	Dr. H.A. Fleming	Mon. (3rd bi-monthly)	9.45 a.m.
	Dr. D.W. Evans	Mon. (4th bi-monthly)	9.45 a.m.
Chest Medicine	Dr. L.C. Lum	Thurs.	2.00 p.m.
Dietetics	Miss Flood	Wed.	2.30 p.m.
Dermatology	Dr. S.O.B. Roberts	Tues.	9.45 a.m.
E.N.T.	Mr. K. Wilsdon	Mon.	2.00 p.m.
Audiometry	Miss Peel	Mon.	2.00 p.m.
Geriatrics	Dr. N.K. Coni	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Gynaecology & Obstetrics	Mr. J.S. Hesketh	Fri. Gynaecology	9.30 a.m.
		Tues. Ante & Post Natal	10.00 a.m.
		Tues. " " " "	2.00 p.m.
		Thurs. " " " "	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. O. Lloyd	Mon. (alternate) Gynae.	2.00 p.m.
Medicine, General	Dr. R. Arden-Jones	Tues.	2.00 p.m.
		Wed.	2.00 p.m.
	Dr. I.E. Evans	Thurs. (alternate)	2.00 p.m.
	Dr. K.M. Mackenzie	Thurs. (alternate)	2.00 p.m.
Neurology	Dr. M.F.T. Yealland	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Ophthalmology	Mr. J. Monckton	Tues.	2.00 p.m.
		Fri.	10.00 a.m.
		3rd Mon., Glaucoma	10.00 a.m.
Orthoptics	Mrs. Woodington	Tues.	10.00 a.m.
		Tues.	2.00 p.m.
Oral Surgery	Mr. E.W.B. Varley	Wed.	2.00 p.m.
Orthopaedics	Mr. E.S. Jamieson	Mon.	10.30 a.m.
		Fri.	2.00 p.m.
		Sat. (alternate - children only)	10.15 a.m.
		Tues. Plaster Clinic	2.00 p.m.
		Thurs., not 4th, Physiotherapy cases only	10.00 a.m.
		Tues., not 4th	9.15 a.m.
			11.30 a.m.
Paediatric	Dr. D.M.T. Gairdner	Wed., 1st & 3rd	9.30 a.m.
	Dr. I.R. Wallace	Wed., 1st & 3rd	9.30 a.m.
Physical Medicine	Dr. Randall	Thurs.	2.30 p.m.
Speech Therapy	Mrs. Rose	Wednesday	9.30 a.m.
Surgery, General	Mr. R.E.B. Tagart	Tues.	9.15 a.m.
		Fri.	10.30 a.m.
	Mr. T.M. Williams	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Thoracic Surgery	Mr. B.B. Milstein	2nd Mon.	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. C. Parish	4th Mon.	10.00 a.m.

(e) HOSPITALS

158 of the 208 births to inhabitants of the district took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

94 of the 154 deaths of inhabitants of the district took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

SECTION C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious and other diseases notified during 1972 :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
8 Measles	6	2
2 Scarlet Fever	1	1
1 Salmonella Infection	-	1
1 Infective Hepatitis	-	1
	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

NEW CASES

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Pulmonary	2	2	1	1	2	2	4
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

AGES OF CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1972

Pulmonary: 2 Males - 25 and 32 years

MORTALITY : There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1972

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	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Cases at commencement 1972	7	7	-	2	16
2. First notified during 1972	2	-	-	-	2
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by transfers	-	-	-	-	-
5. Cases removed from Register	-	-	-	-	-
6. Remaining at 31.12.72	9	7	-	2	18

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The Urban District is supplied with water by the Ely, Mildenhall and Newmarket Water Board. Only five houses, all in remote parts of the district, are without a main water supply. The Board has three reservoirs at Warren Hill having a total capacity of about $1\frac{3}{4}$ million gallons. These are linked together and under normal conditions receive water from pumping stations at Chippenham and Southfields and supply a large part of the Newmarket Rural District as well as the Urban District. In emergencies water can also be brought into this system from the pumping stations at Lower Links and Moulton

The waters from all these stations are derived from the chalk and are very similar in character

Six samples of water were taken from the well at Southfields Pumping Station and nine samples were taken from the mains for bacteriological examination. The results of these samples showed the quality of the water to be satisfactory.

A sample of water was taken by the Water Board from the well at Southfields Pumping Station for chemical analysis. The Analyst's report indicated that the chemical examination was satisfactory and that there was no significant change in quality of the water.

Method of Mains Water Supply to Houses

(a) Direct to Houses

Number of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	..	5,081
Estimated number of population supplied	..	..	..	..	..	13,119

(b) By means of Standpipes

Number of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	..	22
Estimated number of population supplied	..	..	..	..	..	36
Number of standpipes	..	..	..	..	..	18

There are no Council owned standpipes in the District.

Number of houses from 1963 connected to :-

Piped Water Supply

<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>Total</u>
85	123	89	159	333	71	95	88	163	185	1391

Sewerage System

<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>Total</u>
84	123	89	148	329	71	95	88	163	185	1375

Environmental Health Services Operated by the Engineer's Department

1. Sewage and Sewage Disposal

- 1.1. The Contract awarded to Biggs Wall and Co. Ltd. for the construction of a new sewage treatment works off the Fordham Road was commenced in May 1972 and is expected to become operational in March 1974.

The 36" dia trunk sewer which has been laid from the site of the old works to the new works is now completed and tested. The sedimentation, storm water, sludge storage and aeration tanks and main pumping station sub-structure are all now substantially complete. The main construction efforts at the moment are now being concentrated on the two final settling tanks and the sludge pumping station.

Work on the regrading and improvement of the No. 1 Public Drain between the effluent outfall and the Urban District boundary has also been completed.

The total value of the contract is approximately £740,000.

- 1.2. In order to accommodate the flows arising from proposed development as Newmarket grows to its target population of 20,000 the existing trunk sewer through Phantom and Moreton Studs is to be replaced by a 27in dia sewer which will be laid from Exeter Road to the Central Depot. Tenders are to be invited in the near future.
- 1.3 The maintenance of the two existing sewage treatment works, pumping stations and the temporary sewage treatment plant at Studlands Park has been carried out by direct labour as in previous years.
- 1.4 The Council has continued to operate a cesspool emptying service for those properties within the Urban District not yet connected to a public sewer. The new 1100 gallons capacity vehicle recently purchased for this function is also used for gulley emptying and other related services.
- 1.5 Under Local Government and Water Reorganisation sewerage and sewage disposal functions will be transferred to the new Regional Water Authorities although the sewerage element will be undertaken by district councils on an agency basis and it is likely that sewage disposal will also be undertaken on an agency basis as an interim measure.

2. Public Cleansing and Refuse Collection

The cleansing and maintenance of some 35 miles of highway and the collection of domestic and trade refuse has been carried out by the Council's direct labour department as in previous years.

Two new refuse collection vehicles have recently been purchased, one of the old vehicles being retained as a standby.

Refuse collection will remain a district council function under local Government Reorganisation.

3. Refuse Disposal and Pulverisation

The joint scheme for the disposal of refuse from the Newmarket Rural and Urban District areas has continued to work satisfactorily. Approximately 20,000 tons of refuse has been processed since the pulverisation plant was brought into operation in May 1971.

Refuse disposal will become a County Council function under Local Government Reorganisation but once again district councils will undertake this work on an agency basis as an interim measure.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Councillors of
the Urban District of Newmarket

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit for your information and consideration
my Report for the year 1972.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the
Public Health Committee for their continued interest and help,
and also all the Officers of the Council for their ready
co-operation in matters affecting their Departments.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. PENISTONE

Chief Public Health Inspector

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Dwelling Houses

Number of houses inspected under Public Health or Housing Acts	..	..	206
Total number of inspections and re-inspections thereunder	..	..	309
Number of verminous premises inspected	..	..	3
Number of visits and re-visits re verminous premises	..	..	7
Number of houses with other infestations (including wasp nests)	..	..	89
Miscellaneous housing visits	..	..	68
Visits re infectious diseases/disinfection	..	..	10

Various Inspections

Visits re water supply	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Bacteriological samples of water from well at Southfields Pumping Station	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Bacteriological samples of water from mains	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Water samples from swimming pool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inspections at Swimming Pool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Inspections re choked and/or defective drains, drain testing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Inspections of Public House sanitary conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Inspections of Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Inspections of Factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
Inspections of Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Visits re Rats and Mice (in addition to Rodent Operator)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
Schools	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Pet Animals Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Noise Abatement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
Clean Air Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	128
Moveable dwellings	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	167
Visits to Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Visits to Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Visits to Grocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Visits to Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Visits to Restaurants, Cafes, Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Visits to Confectioners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Visits to Ice Cream premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Visits to Markets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Visits to Milk distributors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Miscellaneous Food Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Visits re Petroleum & Explosives	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63

Number of Informal Notices served in 1972		17
Number of Informal Notices outstanding from 1971		6
Number of Informal Notices complied with in 1972		18
Number of Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December 1972		5
Number of Statutory Notices served in 1972		NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding from 1971		NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December 1972		NIL

<u>Work done after service of notices</u>	<u>Informal</u>
Walls repaired	1
Doors repaired	1
Windows repaired	2
Floors repaired	1
Damp conditions abated	1
Drains cleansed, repaired or renewed	10
Nuisance from animals abated	2
Offensive accumulations removed	2
Dirty premises cleansed	1

Food Premises

Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations discontinued		5
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FACTORIES ACTS

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	4	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	59	32	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	2	NIL	NIL
	72	38	NIL	NIL

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S,7)					
Unsuitable or defective	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

3. Outwork (Sections 110 and 111) - No action required

THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Table A - Registration and General Inspections

Class of premises	No. of premises newly registered during year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year.
Offices	3	71	14
Retail Shops	4	99	40
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	4	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	24	8
Fuel storage depots	-	2	1
Total	8	200	64

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to
Registered Premises - 128

Table C - Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises
by Workplace

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	461
Retail shops	630
Wholesale departments, warehouses	26
Catering establishments open to the public ..	150
Canteens	3
Fuel storage depots	9
Total	1279
Total Males	564
Total Females	715

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960

Eleven complaints about nuisance from noise were received, and forty-five inspections were carried out. The complaints concerned :-

Dust extractors connected with woodworking machinery at a factory	1
Diesel electric power generator at a factory	1
Air compressor at a factory	1
Building works	1
Use of unmuffled pneumatic picks	5
Noise from road vehicles	2

The complaint about noise from dust extractors at a factory necessitated numerous visits and recordings of noise levels with a sound level meter, including visits during night shift working at the factory. The sound levels recorded were not such as to necessitate action under the Noise Abatement Act.

The other complaints were dealt with by informal action.

CLEAN AIR ACTS

In the Annual Report for 1971 reference was made to the action which had been taken concerning nuisance caused by the emission of smuts from a chimney serving an oil-fired boiler. During this year a new insulated chimney was erected to serve that boiler and the nuisance was abated.

CARAVANS

There are no licensed caravan sites in the district.

SWIMMING POOL

The Council own a modern open-air swimming pool, water for which is obtained from the mains. Circulation of the water is continuous, the water being passed through a Bell horizontal sand filter and chlorinated.

The pool was open from the 6th May 1972 to the 10th September 1972. The number of tickets sold was 14,933 of which 3,072 were issued to adults and 11,861 to children. In addition there were 4 adult and 23 children season ticket holders.

Arrangements were made with the West Suffolk Education Committee and the Cambridgeshire Education Committee for use of the swimming pool by school children on each morning, Monday to Friday, during the school summer term.

Four samples of water were taken from the pool for bacteriological examination. The results showed that a satisfactory standard was maintained.

Six inspections were made regarding the cleanliness of dressing cubicles, sanitary accommodation and pool surrounds.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS AND OTHER VERMIN

The following infestations were treated :-

Type of Infestation	No. of premises	No. of treatments
Wasp Nests	76	76
Cockroaches	4	4
Fleas	3	4
Clover Mites	2	4
Other infestations	5	5

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one rodent operator.

Inspections and treatments of premises were carried out where infestations were notified by occupiers as well as general inspections of the district and treatment of premises where necessary.

Free treatments were given at dwelling houses. Treatments at business premises were charged for at the rate of 77p. per hour, inclusive of baits and poisons.

Summary of treatments carried out

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Treatments</u>	<u>Bodies Found</u>	
		<u>RATS</u>	<u>MICE</u>
Dwellings	249	181	8
Business Premises	22	43	19
Racing Stables	24	120	
Allotments	2	20	
<u>Council Property</u>			
Kennett Tip	3	84	
Sewage & Refuse Disposal Works	5	50	
Other Council Premises	7	14	
	<u>312</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>27</u>

H O U S I N G

1.	(i)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	206
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	309
	(ii)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	NIL
		(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	NIL
	(iii)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	NIL
	(iv)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	NIL
2.	<u>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notices</u>			
			Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	6
3.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-</u>			
	(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12, and 39 of the Housing Act 1957 :-		
		(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	NIL
		(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
		(a)	By Owners	NIL
		(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	NIL
	(b)	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>		
		(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	NIL
		(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
		(a)	By Owners	NIL
		(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	NIL
	(c)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 19, 21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957</u>		
		(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	NIL
		(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	NIL
		(3)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation	NIL
		(4)	Number of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or undertakings not to re-let	NIL
	(d)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 18, 19, and 27 of the Housing Act 1957</u>		
		(1)	Number of parts of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation	NIL
		(2)	Number of parts of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or undertakings not to re-let	NIL

(e) Proceedings under Section 42 and 43 of the Housing Act 1957

(1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas	NIL
(2) Number of houses in Clearance Areas demolished	NIL

4. Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	NIL
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding discovered during year	NIL
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	NIL
(d) Particulars of cases in which dwellings have again become overcrowded after the local authority having taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	NIL

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Public Health Department is responsible for the administration of the provisions of the Housing Acts relating to discretionary and standard house improvement grants, and this work is the main part of the Department's housing duties. There is a steady demand from house owners for information about house improvement grants and work in this connection showed a slight increase compared with that for the previous year. Many young couples seeking a home of their own and unable to meet the high costs involved in purchasing a modern house, are buying older type houses and improving them with the aid of grant.

Discretionary Grants

Number of houses inspected following application or proposed application for grant	75
Number of visits re above	116
Number of applications received	37
Number of applications outstanding from 1971	-
Number of applications approved	33
Number of applications withdrawn	1
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.72	3
Value of grants approved	£27,178

Standard Grants

Number of houses inspected following application or proposed application for grant	5
Number of visits re above	9
Number of applications received	4
Number of applications approved	4
Number of applications refused	-
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.72	-

Amenities to be provided

Fixed baths	3
Wash-hand basins	4
Hot water supply	4
Internal water closet	4

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA

A survey was carried out of the houses in the proposed All Saints General Improvement Area, and the Officers of all the Departments of the Council have met on a number of occasions and also together with Officers of the Department of the Environment to discuss proposals and to formulate a scheme for the general improvement of that area.

At the end of the year the Council appointed the National Building Agency to prepare a report on the area up to the stage necessary to enable the Council to declare the area to be a general improvement area.

HOUSING ACT 1969 and HOUSING FINANCE ACT 1972

Rent Qualification Certificates

Four applications for Rent Qualification Certificates were received and four certificates were issued.

RENT ACT 1957

No applications for certificates of disrepair were received during the year.

HOUSES COMPLETED FROM 1946 BY COUNCIL AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

During 1972 there were 185 houses completed, all built by private enterprise.

The number of houses completed in the post-war period is as follows :-

<u>By the Council</u>	Traditional	1,021
	Prefabricated	50
	Easiform	100
	Unity	48
	Wates	68
	Total Post-War	1,287
	Total Pre-War	309
	Grand Total of Council Houses	1,596

Built by the Council and sold to

private owners

70

Built by Private Enterprise

1,240

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959

Number of Milk Distributors on Register 16

Number of Dairies on Register NIL

Under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, the County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority are responsible for the issue of Dealers Licences and for the sampling of designated milk.

ICE CREAM

There are no premises in the district where ice cream is manufactured. 30 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream, but seven of these were not selling ice cream during the year. The ice cream sold is wrapped or in cartons as it is received from the manufacturers.

FOOD INSPECTION

Thirteen complaints concerning foods were received as under :-

Moulds	3
Foreign matter in food	3
Worms (filaria bicolor) in Fish	2
Fly blown bacon	1
Unjustified complaints	4

The complaints were dealt with by informal action. In the cases of foods affected by moulds the retailers concerned were warned that care should be taken to ensure proper stock rotation.

The thread-like worms, "filaria bicolor", which were found in fried fish are a natural parasite infesting the musculature of round fish especially cod, and if occurring in only small numbers they are very difficult to detect. They are harmless to man and are destroyed by cooking but the retailer was warned of the necessity to look for these worms when preparing fish for sale.

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNSOUND OR OTHERWISE

UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

58 tins of Meat	346 tins of Fruit
254 tins of Vegetables	635 miscellaneous tins, jars and packets.
51 tins of Fish	

Total weight condemned: 12 cwt. 80 lbs.

In addition 11 cwt. of frozen foods were received for destruction following breakdown of freezing equipment.

METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

Foods condemned were destroyed at the Refuse Disposal Works,

FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

	<u>No. of Premises</u>	<u>No. fitted to comply with Reg. 16</u>	<u>No. to which Reg. 19 applies</u>	<u>No. fitted to comply with Reg. 1</u>
Hotels and Licensed Premises	29	29	29	29
Restaurants and Cafes	9	9	9	9
Grocers	22	22	14	14
Ice Cream premises	30	30	12	12
Butchers	14	14	14	14
Fishmongers	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	7	7	-	-
Bakers	2	2	2	2
Fried Fish Shops	5	5	5	5

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, SECTION 16

Sausage manufacturers 11

Ice cream premises 30

The registered sausage manufacturers are all butchers who make sausages as part of their general business. The inspections of these premises are included in the total of sixteen inspections at butcher's shops.

Particulars regarding the ice cream premises are set out elsewhere in this report.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1970

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS & DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1966

During routine visits to food premises the opportunity was taken to discuss the Regulations with the proprietors and to emphasise the need for clean handling of food.

Five contraventions of the above Regulations were discontinued after informal action.

ADULTERATION etc.

CHEMICAL/BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

NUTRITION

SHELLFISH (Molluscan)

WATER CRESS

No change

